Statement

Funds provided by foreign agencies to NACO for NGO related activities

Sl. No.	Foreign Agencies	2001-02 (Rs. In Crore) Support to NGOs for HIV prevention programmes	2002-03 (Rs. In Crore) Support to NGOs for HIV prevention programmes	2003-04 (Rs. In Crore) Support to NGOs for HIV prevention programmes	2004-05 (Rs. In Crore) Support to NGOs for HIV prevention programmes
1.	United States Aid for International Developments (USAID)	11.46	13.90	16.91	31.18
2.	Department of International Developments (DFID)	25.37	25.00	25.75	56.00
3.	India-Canada Collaborative HIV/AIDS Project (ICHAP)	---	.50	1.50	2.00
4.	United Nations Development Programmes (UNDP)	---	1.00	1.00	4.20
5.	Australian Agency for international Development (AUSAID)	---	---	.25	---
	TOTAL:	36.83	40.4	45.41	93.38

Heavy metals in ayurvedic drugs

1896. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J.DARDA:
SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued a notification to test ayurvedic drugs for presence of heavy metals;

(b) if so. whether this has ben made compulsory only for medicines meant for exports; and

(c) if so, the reasons for which domestic indian users of such medicines have been ignored for availing of likely benefit, if any, while finding heavy metals in such products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The Central Government has issued an order on October 14, 2005 under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 to be effective from January 1, 2006 providing for mandatory testing for heavy metals, namely, arsenic, lead, mercury and cadmium in respect of purely herbal Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani medicines which are to be exported. This measure has been taken to meet the requirements of importing countries and to protect India's exports of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani medicines. Mandatory testing for heavy metals for Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani Medicine to be consumed with the country would involve creation of inhouse testing facilities like acquisition of Atomic Absorpotion Spectrometer by a large number of small and medium Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani drugs manufacturing companies which will not be able to acquire capital intensive equipment like Atomic Absorption/ Spectrometer for testing of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani medicines for heavy metals. Mandatory testing for heavy metals in purely herbal drugs can be introduced only in phases and not in one go.

The Central Government has already notified Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) under Schedule 'T' of the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945 with a view to improve and upgrade the infrastructure of manufacturing units engaged in production of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani medicines.

Self-financed medical colleges

1897. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of self-financed medical colleges in Kerala and the total number of M.B.B.S. seats available in Kerala approved by M.C.I;

(b) whether there is any quota for State/Central Government from the above seats;